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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 1896.

TO-DAY'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS. Schiller Lodge, I. O. O. F., Schiller Hall. Bruart Council, A. L., of H., Poweil's Hall. Martha Washington Lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, 38 north Fifth street. Richmond Council, Chosen Friends, El-

lett's Hall. Richmond Lodge, A. O. U. W., Odd-Fel-Queen Lodge, Golden Shore, Ellett's

Company B. First Regiment, Armory. Elba Beneficial and Social Society, Central Hall.

A POOR SWAP.

There is a fascination in the study of election figures. The returns show that Mr. Bryan's gain over the Cleveland vote In 1892 was about 900,000. This, of course, Includes the Populist vote, estimated at 9,000,000. That fact has been flaunted by the free-silver forces as showing the great popularity of their pet measure. But the exhibit they make is not so diattering when all the ins and outs of the question are considered. In 1892, Utah, which gave Bryane 65,000 votes, was rot a State, and in the States of Colorado, Idaho, and Wyomeng, casting 178,000 votes for Bryan, there were no Cleveland electors in 1892. The same is true of North Dakota with 18,000 votes for Bryan, and dn Nebraska and Oregon the Deraocrats Cargely voted the Populist ticket. The State of Kansas, which gave Bryan 171 .-000 votes, cast its vote in 1892 for Weaver, giving him 163,111 votes. Taking these figures into the account, it would appear that Mr. Bryan's gain was, in fact, only about the half of 200,000, and it was 267,523 less than the combined Democratic lst vote in 1892. But this does not take into considera-

tion the natural increase in the vote throughout the country. In 1892 the combined vote of the Democrats, Republicans, and Populists was 11,274,860, and in 1896 the combined vote of the Democrats and Republicans (which includes the Populists) was 13,397,565, an increase of 1,622,705. The natural Democratic increase should, therefore, be about 800,000 Bo put it at the lowest estimate, therefore, Mr. Bryan should have received. besides the Populist vote, the Cleveland vote of 5,556,562, and the natural increase of 800,000, making a total of 6,356,562 Democratic votes. In point of fact, he received about 5,344,463 Democratic votes. This looks as if he had gained a million Populists and lost a million Democratsa poor swap, we think.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON BUSI-NESS COMBINATIONS.

President Cleveland, in his message eent to Congress last Monday, calls the attention of the national legislature very pointedly to what he calls "trusts and other huge aggregations of capital, the object of which is to secure the monopoly of some particular branch of trade, industry, or commerce, and to stifle wholesome competition."

He very justly says that "our people

take a deep interest in this subject. He adds, with entire truth, that the limits which the Constituiton has imposed upon the power of Congress to legislate, laws to touch this subject a very narrow one, though the State legislatures, he tells us, are equal to grappling with it and securing to the people such relief as they are entitled to.

The Times well knows that it is popular to assail and denounce all combinations for mercantile or industrial purposes, and, therefore, if our object was merely to "run with the crowd" and adopt rather than expose fallacies, we would novise all sorts of legislation to break up the combinations of men and money, which have been evolved from the pressure of modern business interests, if not neces-

But there is no one in this broad land that we know of who has given this subject more earnest consideration than The Times has given to it, and while we sympathize most cordially with those who feel that the "trusts" have injured the business out of which they earn their livelihood, yet, if the "trust" which does not depend upon statute the for its existence and ability to do bustness, we confess our utter inability to see how legislation can cure their frouble, and we equally confess our inability to perceive in what respect their trouble can properly be called a public evil when looked at from the broad standpoint of

the interests of mankind at large.

This subject must be considered from

THE SWEET SONG OF CALAMITY. The Luray Union says:. "The gold-bug papers, in their editorial columns, are telling about the wonderful increase of business and revival of prosperially, but the New York World upsets it all when it announces that in that city there are 100,000 mechanics out of employment, and that it is probable by Christmas this number will be increased to 150,000."

We have heard of men who were never

the calamity-howling habit that it enjoys the practice. It fairly gloats over the fact that there will be 150,000 men out of employment in New York by they co-operate together and throw all Christmas. What a joyous Christmas our Luray contemporary must be going

a standpoint of general welfare and ele-

mentary principles of right and justice.

We see before our eyes every day in

Richmond cases where two, three, four,

five, and six men combine themselves to-

gether into a mercantile partnership and

the capital each one possesses into a

joint fund to make their co-operative

work tell for as much as it will bring.

Yet, we think an arrangement of this

cort perfectly legitimate and praiseworthy,

and we say nothing about it, although

a firm becomes very rich and secures

what is practically a monopoly of the

branch of business it is engaged in.

When is a co-operative arrangement

amongst individuals to lose its character

of a mercantile partnership and fa'l into

the category of the baneful "trust"? If

it is lawful and just for six men, each

having a capital of \$100,697, to combine

their resources and work together as

a mercantile partnership, upon what

principle is it to be said that when six-

teen men, each having a capital of

\$1,000,000, combine their resources and

work together as a mercantile partner-

ship, their arrangement has become an

unlawful and injurious "trust"? If it is

lawful for every individual to do a thing

by himself, upon what principle does the

act become unlawful when done by two

These are considerations, the force of

which we have never been able to avoid,

and we candidly confess our utter in-

ability to appreciate the arguments that

go to showing that combinations of in-

dividuals to do things that each one may

injurious arrangements.

ticles of prime necessity.

lawfully do by himself are unlawful and

We are equally unable to appreciate

the argument that defines the subject

matter in respect to which there must

he no combination. Those who argue

that side of the case tell us that the

foundation principles of our laws forbid

combinations to control traffic in ar-

ticles which are "staple articles or ar-

It is beyond question that this state-

ment of the case can be found in text-

writers and in the opinions of courts, but

we have never yet been able to under-

stand the rationale of it. If men may

lawfully combine their efforts and their

capital for the purpose of trading, we

cannot see how the line at which com-

binations may be lawfully made, and

at which they are forbidden is to be

fixed upon any such basis. What is a

"staple article" and what is an article

of "prime necessity"? Is wheat a "staple

article" and one of "prime necessity"?

There are hundreds of millions of men

of wheat bread, and even in this coun-

try hundreds of thousands eat corn

bread more than wheat bread. In the

East great masses of population live on

rice, but is rice to be considered a "sta-

ple article" and one of "prime necessity"

purchase and sale of which there shall

The truth is there is hardly an ar-

ticle of merchandise that can be men-

tioned that is used by all mankind, while

every article that can be named is used

by some part of mankind. What is "sta-

ple" and of "prime necessity" to some

is to others a matter of indifference.

The true philosophy of the matter seems

to be that the legislator has nothing to

do with the subject. Men are to be left

free to do as they please with their own,

and then the all prevalent desire to make

money will cause them to sell whatever

they have at the lowest price that will

bring a profit, because the cheaper they

sell the more they will sell, and profits come from great sales at samll profits

rather than small sales at great profits.

truth is but plain Democratic doctrine,

the essential principle of which is to

have a minimum of legislation and a

PERVERSIONS OF HISTORY.

productions of some of the decorative

panels for the new Congressional Li-

brary Building in Washington city, and

amongst them is one by Mr. Frefirick

Dielman, representative of history. It

is a female figure, on either hand of

which stands a tablet engraved with the

names of eminent historians. Upon her

right, the tablet bears the names of

Herodotus, Thucydides, Polybius, Livy,

Tacitus, Baeda, Comines, Upon her left

the tablet bears the names of Hume,

Gibbon, Neibuhr, Guizot, Ranke, Ban-

It looks like a libel upon history al-

most to construct a work of this sort

and leave from it the name of Macaulay.

Nor can we suppose that Mr. Dielman

omifted Macaulay's name because; he

never heard of him. A man who knew

of Ranke must have heard of Macaulay's

writings. He has emitted Macaulay's

name because he belongs to the school

which affects to deride Macaulay as no

Now The Times wishes to say that in

its opinion Macaulay has done more to

promote the study of history than all

the modern writers named by Mr. Diel-

When we say this we do not ignore the

defects of Macaulay's historical writ-

ings. He is largely a partisan and he

has colored many events to make them

suit his party's aims. But he has writ-

ten history with a poet's inspiration, He

has seen its philosophy and he has

brought that philosophy home to its read-

ers in a guise so facinating and attractive

that millions of men read Macaulay's

historical writings who cannot be tempt-

ed to look inside the bindings of any of

Dielman's other writers. The very ge-

nius of filstory is omitted when Mac-

aulay's name is kept out of a collection

A friend tells us that in the new and

magnificent fibrary building in Boston, a

historical panel representing war, bears

the names of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan,

nor Stonewall Jackson is men-

fort to belittle the two great soldiers that

America has produced! Children who

never heard of the others will sing bal-

lads that recite the deeds of Lee and

Thomas, but neither Lee

What a miserable ef-

croft, Moriey.

historian.

and

Jackson.

man, put together.

Harper's Weekly gives us pictorial re-

maximum of individual liberty.

And this statement of an economic

be no co-operative labor?

or more individuals acting together?

NEVER MIND THE PLAUDITS.

Our esteemed contemporary wants to know if The Times is not distressed becouse a Republican paper at the North has seen fit to doubt the sincerity of those Southern Democrats who are asking for honest elections.

We answer that we are in no way concerned as to what Northern Republican newspapers think of the attitude of The We are not after plaudits. We advocate honesty in elections as we advocate honesty in all other departments of life for the sake of honesty, and because honesty in elections is the foundation of a Democratic form of government, It is worse than folly to pretend to ascertain the will of the people and then deceive and cheat them.

"I'm getting no better fast," is the proper reply when asked how the "no breakfast cure for dyspepsia" is working in your case.

Colonel Fred Grant is visiting the old homestead in Connecticut. The only vacancy, perhaps.

It would seem that after all Mr. Cleve land cluded the volunteers and wrote his own Cuban clause.

It was cruel to tell little Tommy Bayard what they were going to give him. Now all the fun of hanging up his stocking will be lost.

Tillman says he is proud of being called an Anarchist. Anarchist in his case is rather flattering in comparison with some of the other tokens.

Hanna seems to be doing pretty well is the advance agent of the inauguration.

The Alexandria Gazette says "all sorts of crankisms abound in Richmond." This smacks of the tipsy man who thinks the balance of the world intoxicated.

With 18,000 words for a new text Senitors Quay and Stewart may be able to add a few paragraphs to their seven-day

In answer to a correspondent as to the value of Confederate notes, it has just been discovered that two men have recently been painting them green and disposing of them in North Carolina, They have not yet been caught.

The editor of the Alexandria Gazette hinks that the survivors of the late war, owing to rheumatism and other ills, would not be able to do much service in a Cuban war. The doctor, of course, ought to know.

COMMENT ON THE MESSAGE.

limit at which, in his opinion, our duty to humanity and civilization will take precedence of our international obligations of respect and consideration to Spain. But what he says as to the conditions prevailing in Cuba, and the consequences inevitably attendant upon their prolongation leaves no doubt that we are approaching that limit very rapidity.—Washington Post.

President Cleveland's message is a mine information as to the foreign and mestic affairs of the nation, but it is exceedingly spating of recommendation. Evidently the President is convinced that what he thinks should be done would afford no guide for the action of Con-

country.-Philadelphia Record.

The space which President Cleveland The space which President Clevelinia devotes to the reciprocal interests of Cuba, Spain, and the United States in his last annual message to Congress in dicates that be is not wholly insensible to the agitation of the question which has long progressed in this country. But his conclusions show beyond a doubt his conclusions show beyond a doubt that he will leave to his successor the honor of taking the first step to assure Cuban liberty.—New York Journal.

For while one important subject after For while one important subject after another is taken up and discussed with a show of candor and a directness of expression seldom found in Mr. Cleve-iand's official writings, the conclusion is in every case the same: Postponement of decisive action until after the fourth of next March, which is postponement till the Greek kalends, so far as the Cleveland Administration is concerned.— New York Son.

In discussing the Cuhan question in his message the President has been at extreme pains to soothe Spanish sensibilities and to pheate Spanish feeling. Yet there is every reason to expect intense Spanish resentment of the message.—New

To the jingoes who clamor for imme To the jingoes who clamor for immediate intervention, even at the cost of a war with Spain, and make confident prophecies as to its result. Mr. Clevelind administers a dignified rebuke by refusing to entertain their forecasts, and declaring that "the United States has a character to maintain as a nation which plainly dicates that right and not might should be the rule of its conduct." He asserts the great truth that this country is the most pacific of Powers, desires nething so much as to live in amity with all the world, and has no desire to acquire any new territory, be it never so attractive.—New York Herald.

President Cleveland's message to Con-President Cleveland's message to Congress deserves to rank with the best of his state papers. Of the tariff, the financial issue, and the "trusts," three subjects which are of the gravest importance to the people of the United States, he speaks with his accustomed vigor and clearness, while in regard to the Cuban insurrection his language is guarded, but none the less direct in its bearing upon the unhappy conditions prevailing in the the unhappy conditions prevailing in the island.—Baltimore Sun.

A considerable portion of the document is devoted to an analysis of the Cuban situation, and this part especially will impress the unprejudiced reader as a strikingly impartial and incid exposition of the condition of affairs on the island. The conclusions reached are characterized by soundness of reasoning and logic, and the recommendations made, though rathe more conservative than may satisfy the aggressive element of the population, reflect mature thought, a sincere desire for the welfare of all parties concerned. and constitute an appeal for a wise use of the power wielded by the United States -Baltimore Herald.

Both President Cleveland and Secretary Both President Cleveland and Secretary Oliney says that the Cubans should not be recognized because they have not a settled government, and yet they both concede the strength of the Cuban organization, their poisession of nine-tenths of the island, the remarkable skill of their leaders and the significance of their

happy unless they were miserable, and the Luray Union seems to be one of these. It has fallen so completely into these. It has fallen so completely into all the elements of a nation except the for want of the latter, they would have this slaughterpen maintained indefinitely right at our very doors.-Baltimore Ameri-

> message which is devoted to Cuba will neither satisfy the ardent advocates of immediate intervention nor give any oppor-tantity for the opponents of the adminis-tration to accuse it of indifference to the struggle for That large portion of the President's struggle for freedom or to the responsi-bilities and duties of the government of the United States. It is a clear, careful and judicious statement of the existing conditions and difficulties showing what the Executve has done and what it has been unable to do; and suggesting the probable outcome, but leaving to Congress the responsibility of any action that would anticipate the natural course of events. Philadelphia Times.

It will be perceived that the President's statements do not warrant the anticipa-United States will at present abandon its position of strict neutrality, but that there is a possibility, if not a probability, of its doing so unless Spain either ends the war soon or agrees to satisfy the just demands of the revolutionists. These demands, it must be recognized, are all embraced, not in the word "autonomy," but in the word "independence." Spain will not consider the latter, and the Cubans are unlikely to accept the former. The contest must, consequently, go on until one or the other party to it is exhausted, or until the United States feels that it has waited long enough. With the President's views of possible future action it is not likely that either Spain or the insurgents will be satisfied. They are too definite to please the former, and too indefinite to graiffy the latter, and yet they are in accordance with our obligarevolutionists fighting for independe nor due regard for the obligations of international comity and the country's dignity. The President's position is one which is likely to be sustained by the best thought of the country.—Philadelphia

MACEO CROSSES THE TRACK.

The Same Dispatch Reports the Wounding of General Weyler.

JACKSONVII LE, FLA., Dec. 7.-I have received a dispatch from Havana which states that Antonio Macco has crosed the trocha with a large force.

It is reported, according to the dispatch, that Captain-General Weyler has been wounded at the front. All news from the scene of the engagement is suppressed by the officials at the

The report that Maceo has crossed the trocha is in line with the expectations of the Cuban Junta in this city. Since Gen-eral Maceo, by order of General Gomez, and in defiance of Gen. Weyler, invaded a Province of Pinar del Rio in Marc et, Spanish as well as Cuban report presented him again and again as hay crossed the trocha constructed beral Weyler to keep him from re-

olning Gomez.

The Spaniards have reported his cross ing of the line in disguise, as his way of getting out of the trap into which, ac-cording to them, he had entered. The Cubans, on the other hand, have report his crossing as in defiance of the ed security of the Spanish line. M frem time to time stated to the posed to be in close communication with him that he would cross the line when it should be time for him to meet General Gomez again in Havana or Matanzas Province

to the Herald's recent dis According to the Herald's recent dis-patches General Gomez was in Santa Clara Province, near Matanzas, with his extreme vanguard already near Havana itself. Some of his men are said to have participated in the raid on Guanabacon, just across the bay from Havana, on December 1st.

December 1st.
Under such circumstances it would seem that the moment had come when Gomez and Macco would naturally wish to combine their forces for a strong ttack on the Spanish army.-New York

A Splendid Idea.

STEVENSVILLE, VA. Dec. 5.—Special.—Judge Wright is endeavoring to gethe citizens of the different counties it is circuit to descrate the wails of the court-houses with the portraits of those

Death of a Veteran.

WEST POINT, VA., Dec. 8.—Special. on Saturday, December 5th, Mr. J. 6 isaytop, a citizen of this place, fell ce the street and died instantly. He was stricken with paralysis about three year 190, and has been in bad health since at the time of his death a member of the John R. Cooke Camp of Confederate

To Sing the "Messiah."

On the first Sunday after Christmas-Day there will be a special service held in St. Paul's church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at which a part of the "Meswill be sung.
will be sung.
regular choir of the church will be
regular choir of the occadenably augmented for the occadenably augmented for the occadenably augmented for the occadenably augmented for the occadenable for the occadenable for the occadenable for the occasion, and the solos will be sung by Mrs. Reinhardt, Miss Meade, and Signor Cam-Only the first part of the cratorio will be sung as it has a more particular ref-erence to the nativity of Christ. The work has been in rehearsal for some time, and will doubtless be splendidly executed.

Armory tossip.

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Sage has made upon the soldier boys around the armory is apparent in the fact that war talk has censed and the checker-boards have come into active service again. All the talk now centres upon the proposed trip to Washington upon the eccasion of the imaggination of President-elect McKinley. It is pretty well settled that three companies will go.

Woman's ork

and wearisome to those whose blood is impure and unfit properly to tone, sustain, and renew the wasting of nerve, muscle and tissue. It is more because of this condition of the blood that women are run down,

Tired, Weak, Nervous,

Than because of the work itself. Every physician says so, and that the only remedy is in building up by taking a good nerve tonic, blood purifier and vitalizer like Hood's Sarsaparilla. For the troubles Peculiar to Women at change of season, climate or life, or resulting from hard work, nervousness, and impure blood, thousands have found relief and cure in

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. Hood's Pills are the only pills to take

SOCIETY AND CHARITY. ONE DAY'S NEWS IN THE FASHION

The Richmond German a Brilliant Success People Present-Mr. Gibson's "Scrooge"-Personals.

ABLE WORLD.

The Richmond german was the principal social interest for Monday. was the first of the season, with all which that implies of expectancy on the part of the debutantes, and vigorous readiness for pleasure as the result of six months rest for the older set. This particular german goes down as a highly promising inaugural for the 1896-97 season. the first, special effort was made in connection with the decoration, music and supper, with the best possible results. Profesor John Baseler's orchestra from behind the palms gave some of the most stimulating music ever heard at the Richmond germans.

Richmond germans.

Mr. Thomas Bolling led, winning his usual honors. The chaperones were Mrs. David B. Tennant, who wore black velvet; Mrs. E. C. Buek, white silk with pink trimmings; Mrs. W. James Walker, white sattn with pink trimmins; Mrs. George Ross, black silk; Mrs. Harry Frayser, black and white and Mrs. John Harrison, black silk. The toilettes were all handsome. While all the dancers were not. fik. The toilettes were all hand-While all the dancers were notasome. While all the dancers wore nota-bly telling gowns, the debutants, among whom are some exceedingly pretty girls, must come in as usual for special attention. Of these there were present Miss Virginia Hayes, who wore white satin and tulle; Miss Eleanor Bosher, pink silk; Miss Annie Lee Alfriend, white taffeta and chiffon; Miss Ethel Pace lavender silk; Miss Lily Urquhart, green taffeta; Miss Maud Stokes, pink silk Miss Helena French Lefroy, white; Miss Delia Tompkins, white; Miss Florence Delia Tompkins, white: Miss Florence Wilson, white, Among the other dancers were Misses Russell, of Winchester; (the guest of Mrs. Carter Scott); Marcia War-ren, of Louisville; Terry, of Anapolis; Miller, of Staunton; Heath, of Norfolk; Miller, of Stannton; Heath, of Norlois Lena Logan, of Albemarie; Miss Buerth Mrs. Pleasanton, of Philadelphia, (Mr Edward Mayo's guest); Mrs. John Hoo of Alexandria; Landon Rives, Anne Ter of Alexandria; Landon Rives, Anne Tennant, Flossic Talbott, Haille Cooke, Kitty Rinchart, of Plainfield, N. J.; Waring, May Handy, Callie Ryland, Kathleen Anderson, Berta Wellford, Mary Cameron; Bessle Pace, Martin, Ellen Bruce, Ellen Hobson, Boarman, of New Orleans; Annia Leigh and Gertrude Camm, Kate and Jula Harris, Lelia Gray, Judith Deano, Mesara, Micajah Pope, of Annapolis; Dan Spotswood, Paul Cocke, Bergen, Archer Anderson, Jr., Joseph Anderson, Arthur Wiley, (whom all are so happy to welcome back home); Robert Campbell, Allen Talbott, Mr and Mrs Allan Potts, J. T., Anderson, Gaines, Jomathan Bryan, T. Anderson, Gaines, Jonathan Bryan, Baskerville, Davenport, MacDonald, Geo. Gibson, George Reed, E. C. Mayo, Pal-mer Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Blair, Currie, Stacy, Page and Palmer.

The fashionable intelligence is gratified The fashionable intelligence is gratified at the social promise of to-night, Eleanor Bosher's reception; of Thursday, Miss Ethel Pace's luncheon in Miss Marcia Warren's henor, and of Friday night, the subscription German.

Mr. Charles Dana Gibson's illustration of Charles Dickens' novels are introduced in the Ladies' Home Journal for Decem-ber, in which he pays his talented attentions to Mr. Scrooge, of the firm of Scroggs & Marley. It is a fine example of Mr. Gibson's artistic skill. The engagement of Miss Grace Eyre

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Severn Eyre of Baltimore, to Mr. Richard Taylor, of Norfolk, is announced.

Mrs. Russell Robinson, who has been on a visit to Miss Mary Hartman, of Baltimore, has returned to Richmond.

After the pleasant literary programme at the Woman's Club on Monday, tea was served by Mrs. James Pleasants, Mrs. James Dooley and Mrs. John Hunter. A James Dooley and Mrs. John Hunter. A much larger number of strangers than usual was present—that it, non-members. Only a partial list was given yesterday, for the crowded rooms made it impossible to discover them all. There were Miss Margaret Cannon, Mrs. T. M. Logan, Mrs. J. William Friend, Mrs. Allen Carrington, New York; Mrs. Dr. Gatewood, the content of the Mrs. Ches. Proc. of Hulfax West Point; Miss Ellen Bruce, of Halifax

Many people have the Exchange for Woman's Work to thank for its course on yesterday afternoon. It then extended to all its friends a pleasant tea—an oriental tea—as it was called. The hangings, etc., of the rooms suggested the East, etc., of the rooms suggested the East, etc., of the rooms suggested the East.

They also relieve Distress from Descension. and the divans placed about were full pillows, handworked after the Eastern fashion by the managers of the Exchange. One by Mrs. S. H. Hawes came in for much attention and admiration, an others by Mrs. T. William Pemberto called for enthusiasm from persons with eyes for beauty. Mrs. James Lyons served the tea, and were an oriental fiz that became her to perfection. The bodice was of pink silk, and she looked charming and welcomed her guests charmingly and welcomed her guests charmingly.
There had been a special Christmas sale
going on, and this will be continued
throughout to-day, ten and chocolate being served this afternoon from 1 to 6 o'clock under the same delightful conditions as yesterday. The articles on sale are exceptional—in variety, beauty, utility and cheapness. The Christmas purchaser ought by no means to misa the chance to

cheapness. The Christmas purchase ought by no means to miss the chance to do good with decided saving to herself. There is everything to tempt her in the direction of the Exchange to-day besides her recognition that the institution is one which deserves support because its objects are purely benevolent.

Many called yesterday, including Mrs. James Pleasants, Mr. and Mrs. William Wirt Henry, Mrs. Tom Ballard, Mrs. Frank Danner, Miss Kathrine Hawes, Miss Elsie Smith, Little Miss Henningham Lyons, Mrs. Emma Ball, Mrs. Affred Harris, Mrs. Sutton, Miss Maria Blair, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Lefroy, Miss Helena French Lefroy, Mrs. Reginald Gilham, Mrs. M. F. Pleasants, Miss Juliet Lee and Miss Cannon.

The Salesroom Committee consisted of Mrs. T. William Pemberton (chairman), Mrs. George L. Street Mrs. Adolph Dill, Mrs. William E. Donnan, Mrs. P. F.

Mrs. William E. Donnan, Mrs. P. F. Gibbs, Mrs. Henry T. Wickham and Mrs. Robert Munford.

At the wedding of Mr. Charles Eugene Foote, of New York, and Miss Elsie Moler, of Washington, which was a brilliant society event, Miss Helen Randolph Lea, of Richmond, was one of the attendants. The wedding took place at the Church of the Ascension, and brought together many distinguished people.

PITTSYLV INIA COUNTY. Rats Caused the Fire - The Sheriff I'll With Rheumatism. CHATHAM, VA., Dec. 8.-Special.

Pittsylvania Circuit Court adjourned Friday and Judge Whittle returned home the same day. The session was a very short one, but a great deal of chancery busi-

one, but a great deal of chancery business was transacted.

Many of the young people of Chatham who have positions or who are attending school away from home, return to spend the Christmas holidays and usually this season is very gay here. Uusally a good many visitors spend Christmas here, too, and this year will be no exception. Judging from reports.

and this year will be no exception. Judging from reports.

The house of Captain W. T. Clark, which was reported in The Times as having caught fire from a defective flue is now thought to have been the work of rats. Some of the furniture was very much injured, but both the house and furniture are insured.

Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Martinsville, occupied Rev. G. W. elk's pulpit at the

Presbyterian church yesterday morning

A recognition service will be tendered the new pastor of the Bap-tist church, Rev. T. A. Hall, to-morrow night, in which the pastors of the other churches have been invited to participate.

Sheriff W. I. Overly has been confined to his home for some weeks with a violent attack of rheumatism. Mr. W. B. Shepherd, county court clerk, s out again after about a week's spell of

C. O. Pruden, rector of Emanuel Protestant Episcopal church, is visiting his wife's father's family in Powhatan

good deal of tobacco was marketed

DIED IN THE WOODS,

An Old Man Missing for a Week Found Sitting Stiff Against a Tree. BERRYVILLE, VA., Dec. 8.-Special. On Saturday, November 29th, Mr. Bushrod Hoof left the house of his niece, Mrs. Caroll, near Boyce, to visit some relatives near by. On Sunday last, nothing laying been heard of him for over a week by Mrs. Caroll, she made inquiries as to his whereabouts and discovering that no one had seen him since the Sun-

day previous, when he left the distillery of Mr. J. W. Shenk, saying he was going back to Mrs. Carroll's a party started out to find him, and about dark his dead body was found in a woods on the farm of Colonel U. L. Boyce.

When found he was sitting with his back against a tree. Back of his head, was a against a tree. Back of his head was a handkerchief and by his side a bottle haif full of whiskey, haif full of whisky. The weather was

very cold at the time of his disappear-ance, and it is supposed that he became bewildered in the woods and sitting down

Mr. Hoof was eighty-four years old, but very active and frequently took long

but very active and respace.

Walks without inconvenience.

The Young Ladies' High Five Club was entertained on Friday evening by Misses Lappert, at Elmington. A full attendance was present and the contest of the prize with Miss Maugretta McCermick winning it.

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BOYDTON, VA. Dec. 8.—Special.— Since the snow fell our people have great-ly enjoyed the sport of deer hunting, and sen Anmeron;
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A wreck occurred on the Atlantic and Danville railread last week between this place and Emporta. Several freight care were derailed and badly smashed. No one was hurt.

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A large quantity of tobacco has been sold on this market during the fall. Wells Warehouse has a good deal of the weed stored away. The purchasers are holding for higher prices.

Reidsville News Notes

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